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Applicant hereby petitions for the withdrawal of this application from issue under 37 CFR § 1.313 (c)(2).

PATENT ISSUE FEE

The issue fee for this case was paid on November 9, 2005.

REASON FOR WITHDRAWAL REQUEST

The reason for withdrawal from issue of this application is for consideration of an Information Disclosure Statement in a Request for Continued Examination.

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A Request for Continued Examination under 37 CFR § 1.114 is being submitted via facsimile with this petition. The RCE Transmittal paper and Information Disclosure Statement are attached.

Please charge the petition fee provided in 37 CFR § 1.17(h), and if necessary, charge any additional fees, or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. 13-3723. One copy of this sheet marked duplicate is also enclosed.

Respectfully submitted,

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